Camps

BY T. C. HARBAUGH.

like the fair potentate who dazzled awhile at

merciless.

purchased a King's ransom.

merous occasions.

said she.

The tall fellow started.

"At the dead man?"

posing of the body."

sin? Is this"-

at her side.

and was feared by every one.

The day had opened with a genuine sensa-

haggard, had been stared at by nearly all in

"I was just going down to look at the man,"

"Not now. Stay, I believe I will go with

They left the house together, and the Queen

of Sheba went direct to the cabin where the

corpse say. It was dark inside, Maj. Doll

opened the door and stood at the portal while

with her lips strangely welded, bent over the

rude bier and held the growing flame near the

pallid face. All at once she gasped, the match

the Major was silhouetted against the starry

"My God, Jim!" she said. "Is this our

She drew back with cleuched hands and feat-

ures tensely drawn. She rejoined Maj. Doll at

the doer and took his arm. The Queen of

with the dead; and "Jim," with the blanket

All the way back the Queeen of Sheba

laughed and chatted with Maj. Doll. She re-

and in this opinion she had a sharer in the man

The following day a notice, posted in several

Toward the close of an afternoon a girl, beau-

tiful yet, despite the ravages of a hardened life,

ran screaming from one of the gilt-edged gam-

ing dens of Sheba to be captured by a man, who

drifted to Sheba in the wake of a storm; she

"You will stand before the court for this;

It was a plea which would have moved a

The girl was dragged back into the den; she

And where was that worthy? Why didn't

been recovered, and demand the girl's release?

He saw it all; he saw Milly accused of theft;

he looked at her with the coolness of Mephis-

This heartlessness, and on the eve of his mar-

The court convened the following day. It

As well might it have been a sentence of

death. The girl was going into the secondary

stage of consumption; the hectic flush which

tells the story of shortening days was already

on her cheeks, and when she heard the sen-

Maj. Doll went down to tell Sheba's Queen

of the result of the trial; she had manifested

some interest in the proceedings, and had re-

quested him to communicate with her in per-

"We've get to make an example of these

waifs," said he, looking at her, beautiful in the light of her lamps. "This girl will poison the

A faint smile seemed to come to the Cleo-

patrian lips of the Queen of Shebs. Poison

said it with nerve and feeling, as if he honestly

Sheba! The thought was absurd; but Maj. Doil

whole camp if we don't take her in hand."

son when the trial had come to an end.

"Let the Tribunal investigate this.

topheles, and said as coldly:

can't have thieves in Shebar."

riage!

peacefully the sleep of the dead.

the living and the dead."

you, as I want to give the boys orders about dis-

"Yes. Will you go along, Major?"

that then presented themselves. Rumors were rife that the rebels had said that these "Union Abolitionists" should not drill on the streets of Austin that day.

Capt. Ferrell said it would not do for us to attempt such a thing under the circumstances. Some others were doubtful as to the propriety of such a move, but the mass of those who had assembled were decidedly in favor of carrying out our original purpose. Thereupon our Captain (Ferrell) refused to lead us. We then applied to our First Lieutenant, H. C. Relfe, and he said, "Boys, if you will follow me,

I WILL LEAD YOU."

Then there went up a shout from that hand of loyal men that left no room for doubt as to their contage and patriotism. There were about 100 armed rebels, while we numbered about 150, of whom some 10 or 15 had shot-guns or old squirrel rifles, while the balance of us had clubs, butcher knives, or stones in our pockets.

We had a flag, a dram and a fife, which furnished all the inspiration needed for the . occasion. Our line was formed and instructions given to say nor do anything that would give a pretext for an assault upon us; but if one should be made, to meet it with a determination to conquer or die. We unfurled our flag, and, with our drum and fife set to quick time, marched out upon feet of the rebel company, who stood der and amazement. This, you will say, was a very rash act; but I will say to you that it was not taken in a rash or hasty manner, for, as I have said before, the people of the country were about equally divided, with and any disposition on the part of loyal men to yield one iota to the dictates of the rebels would have subjected them to the greatest

Our recruiting had progressed satisfactorily. and on the 27th of June our four companies of Austin for the purpose of being mustered into the military service of the United States. On the 26th day of June, 1861, Gen. Gordon Granger, with a brigade of Union troops composed of two regiments of Kansas and two of Iowa boys arrived and went into camp in the town of Austin, where they remained two or three

I SHALL NEVER FORGET that 27th day of June, 1861, when we were planned an expedition down Grand River as drawn up in line in the streets of Austin; were mustered, and took the obligation that made us

inless sooner discharged. Your lumble servant, with two or three others, procured axes, and in less than five minutes | that neighborhood,

lying on the ground. Cone with the United States brand fresh upon present day. I refer to Sandy Lowe, whose petting the wrong end of them very much name and fame will add many pages to the nearer to us than we thought necessary. After surrounded with armed and organized bands of | bistory of the war when it comes to be written. | an hour or two we were moving toward Butler,

go home and make such preparation for their and in a most reckless manner. We had set ceived the same marked attention as at Parkersfamilies as could be made in a day or two, but our heads on capturing those two rebs, and ville. In fact, the attention that we were to be ready at a moment's notice. Before seemed to have fair prospects of doing so, when thought to be entitled to became a matter of the two days had expired we were called to they reached the timber and were lost to sight. very serious consideration -so much so that the go to Kansas City for the purpose of receiving This brought us to our senses, and we then Sheriff thought it best for us to retire to the our arms, etc. About 50 men were selected, realized that we had left our command nearly | County jail, where we would be more quiet and whom it was thought would be enough to go a quarter of a mile behind, following two men less liable to annoyance. We were escorted to and get the arms and return to Austin, where who were probably in all respects our equals the jail and found it sufficiently large to acwe were to establish our headquarters for the as to fighting conditions. We returned to our | commodate six of us without crowding. This

placed in command of our battalion.

On the evening of the 29th, having gathered

of our Heavenly Father, who so kindly draws | to insist upon the rule, the vall over the future and hides from us the

MISERIES THAT AWAIT US. On the next day we proceeded to Kansas City, Van Horn for self-protection.

and grandly, considering the circumstances. homes. We moved out onto the prairie, between his post was worthy of death.

West ort and the Blu , and went into camp,

mounted, to carry a dispatch to Kansas City. for the vivid and incessant flashes of lightning Thomas V. Warren and the writer tendered that played upon us.

little mare of GREAT SPIRIT AND FLEETNESS.

Some one also furnished Comrade Warren with a good borse, and we started out on what was then thought to be a very dangerous mission. The night was not dark, and we had no difficulty in accomplishing our mission and returning to camp before midnight. True, we saw many objects of alarm, which we approached with great care, only to find that "there was nothing in it." Upon our return we determined to make a circuit of the camp and see if there were any dangers lurking in our immediate neighborhood. We found no cause for I had not proceeded far when I met the comalarm, went into camp, reported to the Major, | mand, who, in view of the storm, had concluded tied our horses to a wagon, and crawled under the waron and went to sleep.

We had scarcely lost consciousness when a ghot or two from or in the direction of the safely to the village of Parkersville. After pickets was heard, and in two minutes the proceeding a little way I was requested to take camp was in line without much regard to form | three or four men with me and go some disor personal appearance. It was not a cold tance in advance of the command, in order night, but one would have supposed that a that we might not be surprised by a too-sudden regular Texas "norther" had struck our camp, | meeting of our neighbors. from the way their teeth chattered. Comrade | Parkersville is situated on a hill, or ridge, Warren and myself again mounted our horses | some 300 or 400 feet higher than the prairie and made a tour of the camp, only to find that | west of it, and somewhat higher than the prairie the alarm was a false one, so far as any real east of it. It was out on the prairie, with no danger was concerned. The object at which | timber near it. The ground west was a great the guard had fired was probably a wolf hunt- | prairie bottom, about a mile and a quarter wide. ing for bones in the old Santa Fe corral, near | and the rise to the top of the hill very abrupt. which we were camped.

In a short time all was quiet, and we re- within 400 or 500 yards of the village we were turned to our peaceful slumbers to dream of surprised to hear firing in the direction of our home and leved ones there. The next day we | command. We soon learned that a wise idea spent in camp, waiting for reinforcements, for | had struck our commander, Capt. H. C. Relfe. which we had sent home the night before.

On the following evening our reinforcements guns had become wet during the night, and it arrived, and it was determined that on the | would be well to try them and see if they would

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

thought prudent to make a reconnoissance of the direct road which leads through the Blue Gap-a place where, on the south side of the river, the road passes through a deep, narrow gorge for two or three hundred yards, the sides of which are impassable, down to the ford of the river, whose banks are steep and high. Comrade Warren and myself were detailed for this duty, which we performed early in the morning, and reported that we had passed the ford and into the Gap, and that, while we saw no rebel force, yet, from the manner and conduct of some individuals whom we met, we considered it very probable that

WE WOULD HAVE TROUBLE determined to pass around the head timber of the Blue by way of Little Santa Fe. Without any incident of importance we

arrived at Harrisonville, where, from some by the action of parties there which bid fair to prove serious, but was soon quieted, and we moved on to Austin, where we arrived in the evening. Arriving in the vicinity of their homes-from which they had been absent so much longer than they had expected when they left-the men, naturally, wanted to go home, see their families, and get some clean clothes, of which they were sorely in need after two weeks of camp life.

It was necessary that a sufficient number of men should remain as a guard for the arms, and to this end volunteers were called for, and your humble servant volunteered to remain until their return. There were, I believe, about 20 of us who undertook to guard the camp, while our more fortunate comrades hurried off to their homes and loved ones. Scarcely had they left the camp and the twilight shadows began to fall in fantastic forms upon the fields and across the streets of the town, when there the mainstreet of the town, marched appeared a courier upon a panting steed, and and countermarched by and within 20 called for the Major. His anxious, hurried manner spoke only too plainly to us of threatened danger. Just what his message was we in line and looked upon us with won- did not fully know. We only knew that he came from Kansas City, and that dangers of a serious nature were apprehended.

Accordingly runners were sent out to call the men back to camp and to summon all those who had been mustered into the service to report at once. With our scouts out all through the country, we held our camp until the evenall the advantages on the side of the rebels, | ing of the second day, by which time our boys were nearly all on hand, and it was deemed better to change our camp. Accordingly, we moved across Grand River and took a position on Crescent Hill, some six miles south of Austin. Here is a mound much higher than the surrounding country, upon the summit of which we made our camp, feeling that we could Missouri Home Guards were called to meet at | defend ourselves against three times our num-

There was at that time an organized force of Kansas men at West Point, a small town on the State line between Kansas and Missouri, to whom we gave notice of our condition, and who at once

JOINED THEIR FORTUNES WITH OURS.

far as the Elk Fork. soldiers of the United States for three years, that it served to arouse the country to the fact | upon to accept the hospitalities of our neighthat a state of war actually existed in the country, and the scaring of a few men belong- any lack of attention on their part. In fact, ger, and the first order we received after muster | ing to the rebel State Guards who were prowl- | we had never received such attentions before. "Go and cut down that rebel flag-pole." | ing about the country, little expecting that | Their expressions and demonstrations were of "Uncle Sam's" boys would be after them in a much more familiar character than we had

This was our first aggressive act, and was acquaintance and friendship that lasts to the careless sort of way in our presence, often After muster the men were permitted to chase of a mile or two across a high prairie, our breakfast in the courthouse, where we re-I should have stated before that A. H. Deane, up the animals, and it was thought best to taken up with chairs, beds, tables, or other Baptist preacher, was appointed Major, and move our camp to West Point, which we did furniture. The floor was richly carpeted with

readily obtained, we moved out a couple of us. This neighborly disposition of Claib, Jack- order-two or three ancient quilts that had miles to a creek and there went into camp for son's guards was looked upon by us with sus- done duty there for a long time, and the last the night. We had with us some cornmeal, picion. The matter was discussed, and it was man requiring their service having been a dead coffee, etc., and one of our comrades who had decided to pay them a visit, as the rules of polite man. The highly-perfumed condition of our a farm near by took two or three of the boys society required the older citizens to make the quiet place of retirement raised a very serious and went to the farm and butchered two or first call; and it was further considered proper question in our minds as to whether we would three fine, fat sheep, which were donated to to make an evening call, say, about 11 or 12 prefer the quiet retreat assigned us or the more Uncle Sam's hungry soldiers. The manner in o'clock. While preparations were being made elevated position to which a very large number which they were disposed of left no doubt on it was thought well to send a couple of men of our neighbors thought we were entitled in the mind of the donor as to our appreciation of out on the road to ascertain in a quiet way | the grove just outside of the town. whether our new neighbors were at home. This was our first camp, and our initiation | These men returned about 9 or 10 o'clock, and into the mysteries and miseries of a soldier's | said they thought the most of Claib, Jackson's fering the next four years would bring to those | them were on the road towards our camp, and | This is a great offer. loyal hearts who sat around this their first that probably the family, disregarding the aforesaid rule of polite society, were intending to Oh! how great the infinite wisdom and mercy | make an evening call upon us. We felt disposed

AND CONTINUED OUR PREPARATIONS. where we arrived in the evening, and went into tions to approach as near their camp as we George Washington was inaugurated President bring the crime to light. The reward was camp at a spring in the then extreme southern | could, watch their movements, and report any | of the United States. She was born in Water- | laughed at in the gilded dens of Sheba; men part of the city, on the Westport road. Here demonstrations made in our direction; other- bury, Conn., in 1787, and moved to New York said that Leona felt that something had to be we began to experience some of the uncertain- wise to remain until our command came up. when very young. She was living with her done, and Maj. Doll, twirling his mustache, reties of military life. We left home with the We proceeded on our way until we came to the husband in Buffalo when that city was burned marked that she didn't care particularly about expectation of returning in three or four days | timber along the creek that ran between us | by the British in 1812. Mrs. Fillmore has re- | the dead man, only she wanted to keep up a at farmest-but we didn't. We remained one and our neighbors. Here our imagination sided on her farm at Clarence since her hus- form of justice. or two days at the spring and then changed to pictured to our minds a picket post which we | band's death in 1875. She has never ridden on | A week, passed during which the murder was a brick block in McGee's addition, near McGee's did not deem it proper to disturb, so we fell a railroad train, has never seen the telegraph quite forgotten, and the notices fluttered in the tightly shut; she had braided up her wealth of Hotel, where we remained nearly two weeks | back a few rods and took a position of obser- or telephone in operation, and has evinced no | wind and at last were blown mountainward. before we received our guns and got orders to vation. The night was dark and cloudy, with curiosity in regard to these fruits of science, It was rumored that the Queen of Sheba was return to Austin, our proposed base of opera- strong indications of a storm. Here we stood, preferring to live her last days amid the peace- soon to have a master; that Maj. Doll, at last tions. There were no troops at Kansas City | waiting for the coming of our command. For then, except a few militia or home guards hours we waited, and the threatened storm ignorant, however, of the improvements made few days, lead her to the altar. To such rumors hastily organized and held together by Col. burst upon us with all its fury. The deafening in the world, for she has been a constant reader the Major replied with a smile which only con-

They had a fort on the bluff, just west of the | with a fury that I had never seen surpassed. Junction, if I remember right, and there we | This storm was too much for Comrade Far- heart. So well preserved comparatively is she | mented in frequency. celebrated the Fourth of July, 1861, loyally mer, and he insisted that we should desert our that her neighbors think she will live for many post and return to camp. To the proposition I Having received our Mississippi rifles, in the dissented, for my education led me to regard afternoon we started, with light hearts, for our the soldier who went to sleep on or deserted

But Comrade Farmer did not take that view from which place we expected on the next day of the question, so he left me and returned to camp. There I stood with a saddle-blanket About dark a courier arrived from Kansas over my head, while the storm spent its fury, City with information that a large force of and it seemed to me that neither my command rebels were concentrating in the Blue Hills, nor daylight would ever come. So dark was With designs upon our camp.

The guards were strengthened and a picket wind and the beating of the rain, that the sent out to guard every point of approach. whole Southern Confederacy might have passed The Major called for two volunteers, well within a few rods of me without notice, but

Thomas V. Warren and the writer tendered our services, but our horses were not deemed sufficient for what might be required of them.

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The only thing happening to break the monotony of that awful night was an unearthly strong will and a bulldog tenacity of purpose. This difficulty was soon overcome by Comrade | scream or wail, that made my hair fairly rise Billamy letting me have his horse, a splendid on my head, and almost made me wish that I had gone to camp with Farmer. After a straining gaze in the direction of the noise, by the vacillating mind and a cold, unromantic disflashing of the lightning I could see something white somewhat smaller than a horse, yes, considerably smaller. It was a cat. You may imagine my sense of relief when I realized that the whole Southern Confederacy was

not bearing down on my position. After a long time that storm passed over and the dawn of another day appeared, and as our neighbors had not put in an appearance-

neither did my command-I CONCLUDED TO GO TO CAMP. to postpone their visit until daylight. Well, in view of my pleasant night's rest I was given a position in front of the column, to conduct them

When the advance had reached a point It occurred to him that possibly some of our following morning we would take up our line | fire before we got into close quarters.

of march for Austin. Before starting, it was This firing of course aroused our neighbors,

who began preparations to receive their guests in a proper manner. They turned out upon that hill until it looked black with people. How many there were we will never know. To our squad of about 100 the number in sight seemed large, and it occurred to the Captain that there might be a larger force just beyond the ridge. Our command advanced to within 300 or 400 yards of their line, and halted and formed our line. To our right and front, about 300 yards distant, and about the same distance to the left and front of their line, was a high point of ground from which a view of the country and camp could be bad. So, with a view of ascertaining the strength of our neighbors, if we undertook to pass that way. It was then I struck out for that point and had nearly reached it before they seemed to notice my move. When they saw me a couple of them manifested a disposition to make my acquaintance and started in my direction in a great cause or other, quite a commotion was produced | hurry. Not wishing to make any new acquaintance just at that time I hurried to the objective point, gained all the information desired, and then started back with reckless haste, while the two gentlemen seemed

MORE ANXIOUS THAN EVER to have an interview with me, and in as reckless a manner endeavored to get between me

and my command; but they didn't. I returned and reported that there were not more than 10,000 men there, that they were all in sight, and that, in my opinion, we could discharge the necessary courtesies of the occasion | all of the gold-camps could not boast of, and in a very few minutes and return to West | that was a "Queen." She was not arrayed Point for break fast.

About this time a couple of men advanced toward our line, signifying a desire to hold a consultation with us, and Capt. Relfe took a | 300 dark-faced men who were known to shoot man with him and went out to meet them. at the drop of the hat. No one knew anything They met about half way between our lines, definite of the past history of this woman. She and had talked a little while, when two other men from their side approached where they were. Seeing this I took Comrade Noah Johnson and went up to support our Captain. Just as we reached them a demand was made upon our Captain to surrender our command; to which the Captain replied that he would have less for her nuggets than for the adornment of to consult the other officers before he could give an answer. He then, with the other man, effeminate-were well-ringed, and the dia- ride the sentence of the court and keep down returned to the command, leaving Johnson and myself to carry on the conversation, which we did in a rather spirited manner, until someone exclaimed "They are retreating." We looked round, and sure enough away went our command on a double-quick toward West Point, leaving Johnson and myself to our fate.

We were assured by our host that they would take care of us, and accordingly took our guns, horses, saddles, etc., and then escorted us to an old house on the hill, where a select number of men were charged with our entertainment. In a little while four more of our boys were brought in and given the same hospitable treatment. Our neighbors evidently did not approve of the unceremonious way in which our men terminated their visit and followed after them for some distance, using all their persussive powers to induce them to return and accept their hospitalities. Their demonstrations were rather violent, resulting in the death Thus encouraged we determined upon an aggressive movement, and accordingly we Frank Pryne, John Maurer, J. McBride and - Jenkins to prolong their visit for an in-

definite time. This expedition was barren of results, except | There were six of us who were prevailed ever before received from strangers. They the fine pole erected to support a rebel flag was An exciting chase after a couple of these called us by unfamiliar names in a very his bow. guards brought to my side a man and begun an familiar manner, handling their guns in a very Chance brought us together in the front of a where we arrived in the afternoon, and took camp with a consciousness that we had stirred | was largely due to the fact that no space was straw of very ancient growth, that had en-Scarcely had we settled ourselves at West tirely lost its original odor of the harvestfield, a few wagons and teams, with a small supply of bedding and such camp equipage as could be Parkersville, some three or four miles east of different kind. Our bedding was of the same (To be continued.)

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for six life. Little did we restize what trials and suf- family were at home, but that a portion of neeks-until after the election-for 10 cents

Over the Century.

[Chicago Post.] Mrs. Lavina Fillmore, a resident of Clarence, N. Y., widow of Rev. Glezen Fillmore and a places, offered \$500 for the discovery of the far-spreading boughs, and from thence to a Comrade James Farmer and myself were cousin of Millard Filimore, was 105 years old murderer of the unknown man, and the Queen sent out on the Parkersville road with instruc- on Aug. 15. Mrs. Fillmore was living when of Sheba called upon all to exert themselves to ful surroundings of her quiet home. She is not successful with his persistent suit, would, in a thunder and vivid lightning played upon us of the newspapers. Her Bible has been read firmed them, and the mustache was twirled and reread until she nearly knows it all by oftener than before, while his cocktails augyears.

Read "Better than a Pension," on page 4. Ears as Indicators. [St. Louis Republic.]

In human beings of low or debased mental standard the ears are large and flabby-those of idiots, cretins, etc. When there is no lobe and the ear widens

from the bottom upward the owner is of a selfish, which reminded one of Fantine. cunning, and regretful disposition.

its owner a lofty ideality, combined with a morbidly-sensitive nature. Ears in which the "hem" is flat, as if

The person who has an ear with a rounded | there, and made to confess that she had stolen | a voice called him to a hait. ovate top is almost, without exception, one some rings from the house occupied by the with a placid disposition and a nature that | Nero of Sheba-Maj. Doll. pines to love and be loved in returned. Large ears, drooping at the top, belong to

persons more animal than human. Poet Versus Editor.

[Texas Siftings.] A tall, lank young man came into a New York editor's sanctum, and, handing him a poem several feet long to read, said in a condescending sort of way:

"You can publish this poem for \$10." "All right. Just hand over the \$10. That's below our usual rate, but times are hard." "You misunderstand me. I mean you can have the poem by paying \$10." "Can't take it. It's too cheap. It would be robbing you, for I know where you can get | from camp. more than \$10 for it."

"Where?" "Take it to a Justice of the Peace and read it to him, and you will get \$20 and 30 days in the County Jail if you don't pay your fine." tence of the "judge," she staggered back and bit her white lip till it bled. He looked sadly at the editor, shook his head,

and wafted himself out the door. Texas Politics.

The enemies of Gov. Hogg, of Texas, accuse him of naming his three children respectively Ima Hogg, Ura Hogg, and Moore Hogg. The Texas campaign bids fair to be one of the most unique on record, and the fear is expressed that it may become personal.

If each subscriber to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE will charge himself with getting one new subscriber the circulation of the paper will be doubled at once, and with little trouble. Let each subscriber try it. believed it.

"What was its like?" asked Leona." I have heard of but never seen the poor creature." Knocking the ashes from his cigar, the Major crossed his legs and drew for his listener a

word-photograph of Milly, the waif, which did not flatter her. A Thrilling Romance of the Gold "She stole your rings, did she?" asked

"Yes; entered my rooms night before last and deliberately robbed me."

neighbors did not | The Major blew a wreath of smoke from his

"The rings were recovered, weren't they? "Of course; they were found on her personabsolute proofs of guilt; but that doesn't settle the case. She is one of these waifs that poison the air they breathe, and for the honor of Sheba HILST Sheba was one the mushroom towns | we ought to make an example of her." "Of course; and if we could discover who of the gold region, it bore evidences of per- killed the unknown man near the mines we manency which its | should make also an example of him."

have. It was perma- mouth which for half a second hid him from nently built, had its | the Queen of Sheba. courts and hotels, be- "Will they really whip this girl?" asked the sides theaters and li- | woman. braries, though few of | "Why not? It is the sentence of the court its citizens seldom and a little birching won't hurt her; but, on went to the latter. the other hand, it will have a salutary effect."

"She won't be able to stand much, my dear Far above it towered the peaks of Dead Major." Man's Mountain, and "O, she's tougher than you think; she's beyond it lay that almost endless desert roughed it far beyond her years, and she'll which had been the death of more than turn up in some other camp to play thief, with one unfortunate. Sheba had something which | perhaps the same result.

"Mexican Dick." "That wiry little cat?" smiled the Queen the court of Solomon; but she had her votaries of Shebs. "He's a dandy, and, despite his littleness, has among the hills, and her word was law among the strength of a Samson. He used to be whip-

"Who'll do the whipping, Major?"

per in Hangtown, and knows how to bring blood or raise welts, just as the occasion rekept her secrets, and all that Sheba knew was | quires. This time it will be blood!' The vindictiveness with which Maj. Maitthat its Queen was beautiful, cool-headed, and land was pursuing this helpless and homeless She had shares in all the mines; wealth poured at her feet, and she walked the streets of the gold-camp with the air of one who cared | the Queen of Sheba. She did not internose an objection when all knew that the lifting of

monds that glittered on the fingers would have | the hand and whip of Mexican Dick. She saw Maj. Doll depart with her usual banteur and grace. She bowed him from the Late one afternoon, after a hot day, during which a capricious wind had swept the alkali house, even let him kiss her in the hall; but him to his death before he could meet once dust through the streets, a man well known in the moment he was gone she sprang back to more the woman who for years had believed camp came down the narrow street and turned | the parlor, and, sinking upon the sofa there, | him dead. When I stood by the corpse in the toward the Queen of Sheba's "palace." This buried her face in her hands and cried: "Jim! was Mai. Doll Maitland, known to be in love | Jim!" in accents of agony. The Queen of Sheba was troubled with a se-

with the Queen; the master spirit of Sheba, cret of the past; but it was her sole property, and one who would not brook a rival. He was handsome and 40; had seen the world as it and she remained on the sofa, in communion was to be seen among the rough camps of the | with her thoughts, till the shadows of the Far West, and had "killed his man" on nuhouses lengthened on the plaza and the wild orgies of Sheba were once more in full blast. Meanwhile, in a small cabin, which was as It was a boast of his that no one but himself should ever share the smiles of the Queen of | dark as the dungeons of Venice, stood, or rather crouched, the victim of the Black Tribunal. Sheba, and with this ultimatum in the teeth of all, he strutted the streets like a turkey-cock | In all Sheba there was not a hand merciful

enough to be lifted in her behalf. She had been conducted from the court to the shanty tion for Sheba. A man was found dead near with the dread sentence ringing in her cars, one of the mines-a man whose body even then | and knew that at the hour of midnight she lay in a shanty near the end of the street, an | would be taken upon the square and publicly unknown person, whose dark face, gaunt and | whipped for her confessed crime. She shuddered when she thought of her white skin quivering beneath the blows of

camp. He had been killed; there was no doubting this, for the stab in the back and the | Mexican Dick's lash. She trembled when she marks of fingers on the throat told the story in looked out and heard there the measured tread | completely turned, and by the woman he had Maj. Doll, as the Nero of Sheba was called, the cabin, as if she would run to the mountain stopped at the woman's door and was admitted. | and perish among its pathless forests. Milly murmured not aloud. Since her first | saw no mercy in the beautiful eyes. In another moment the woman herself swept plea when captured she had opened not her into the room where he waited and received

have heard of the trial. Yes, they could not | crowd. keep such an event from the mistress of the gold-camp. Leona had a heart as cold as her | but your accursed whips sha'n't draw a drop of persecutors', and would not put forth a hand to her blood!" ward off the indignity of the lash! The night darkened, and the hours wore on

toward Milly's ordeal.

She stole to the window and looked out, leaning on the scaut sill and seeming to throw her one. thoughts far beyond the stars which brightened she went in. The woman struck a match, and the heavens. "I took them; I didn't deny that; but they

were mother's rings. I know that. Mother! nearly fell from ber hand, and she looked tomother! How did they ever fall into the hands | tree, and the men of Sheba saw them cross the ward the door where the darkened figure of There was no answer. The dark form of the shielded by the stronger arm of the avenging sentry slipping by loomed like a specter of doom | mother. between her and the stars, and then faded out

of sight.

meeting, after all the long years of torture and "I took them," she went on. "If they had seen me I would have done the same; and they will whip me for it! This flendish whipper with the yellow skin will take delight in making the mark of the 'cat' on my back." Sheba was herself now; the secret she had left Silence came down in the little hat. Milly pulled over his rigid face by her hands, slept fell back to the cot which rested in one corner and, sitting on the edge of it, shut her eyes and

The stars and clocks of Sheba denoted the ferred to the dead man, saying that perhaps he midnight hour, when there began a general the mother. had been followed to the camp by an old enemy; exodus from the dens of vice. Men poured out and headed for the plaza, where there were numerous lights, showing that something unu-"But, for the good name of Sheba, we can't let this crime go unpunished," she exclaimed. | sual was about to take place under the great "I will see that a reward is posted, though I | tree which threw its branches over the scene. Men had dangted from the stout limbs of this suppose we will never know the secret kept by very tree. They had gone from the precincts of the Black Tribunal to a death beneath the

> nameless grave on the mountain. Now, not a hanging but a whipping was to take place there. It was an innovation. The back of a fair young girl was to be torn by the unsparing lash, laid on by a man who had nothing but his brutal face to commend

him to the court of Sheba. Milly, conducted by a guard, was led to the plaza, where, with a white face, she looked at the crowd gathered there. Her hands were chesnut hair, and had arranged her simple garb for the trial. The mob gave way and watched her to see if she trembled; but she was as calm as a Summer's morn.

At one side of the plaza stood Maj. Doll, a cigar between his lips and on his face the cold, cruel smile of the merciless tough. He eyed Milly, the waif, with the eye of a hawk, gloating over her position, and when dandyfied Mexican Dick, carrying in his hand the whip, stopped into the arena, he grinned maliciously. There were few preliminaries to the carrying out of the sentences of the courts of Sheba. Conducted to the middle of the square, the girl held her fast. All knew her, Milly had was placed full in the light, and at a signal had come "over the mountain" with a lot of from a man who stood across the plaza, the prospectors and had settled there, hoping to better that lot which was hard enough. Just hand of Mexican Dick fell upon her shoulder.

Milly started like a person stung by a viper. She looked into the yellow face before her and 18. with soft blue eyes like the Queen of Sheba's, she was the possessor of a fragile figure | would have shrunk back if by a quick jerk Dick had not bared her shoulder.

A wild shrick went up from the throat of When the ear is oval in form, with the lobe you will come before the Black Tribunal!" the homeless creature. She who had faced the slightly but distinctly marked, it indicates for cried the man who held the trembling girl. court could not stand this indignity; but the "My God! no, not that, I hope. I took the hand of Dick pulled her back. rings; I could not help it. As I live, they

"She's branded!" cried the Mexican, look-There was a movement on the part of the smoothed down with a flat-iron, accompany a heart of stone, but the man would not hear. crowd, but Maj. Doil was in advance of them

all. Eager to see the mark on the white was stood up in front of the hardened crowd | shoulder, he was advancing toward Milly, when The Queen of Sheba stepped forward in the which always dazzied the eyes of the men of he come forward, now that the property had the gold-camp, she came forward with the tread of a tigress, soft, silken, and cruei. Maj. Doll, at sight of her, stopped and looked.

He no longer twisted his mustache, but his

hands sank to his sides, and he seemed to see

something unlooked for in the mien of the enchantress. The crowd scarcely seemed to breathe now. "Don't look at the child's person !" crisd the Queen of Sheba, covering the astonished Major was one of those courts which own a one-man | with her kand. "You are no more fit to gaze | transmission of the electricity from the generapower. It was the creation of Maj. Doll, as its at a back so white and quivering than you are tor to the locomotive." officers were his creatures, and the sentence to look at the shining gates of paradise. Stand passed by it was that Milly should be publicly where you are, murderer!" whipped on the plaza, and afterward banished Murderer! The word see

Murderer! The word seemed to quiver the

very air roundabout. Poisoned



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"Where did you get the rings the girl took?" demanded the Queen of Sheba. Where did you get them, I say?

She came on, her eyes emitting strange sparks of fire, and her whole person in a passion. "Bring that man forward, and cover the girl's shoulders!" continued Leons, "Maj. Doll shall tell where he got the rings; he shall confess how they fell into his hands, or I shall tell the story myself."

In another moment, such was the Queen's waif of the mountains was enough to bring out authority in Sheba, Maj. Doll was marched out the indignation of a person less merciful than until he stood before her with less than 10 feet between them.

"You will not fell, eh?" said Leona. "You her hands. These-delicate, white, and very her jeweled hand in Milly's behalf would over- will not confess that the unknown man killed near the mines carried those rings-once his wife's-to this camp? Maj. Doll, you knew who that man was; you marked him from the moment he entered Sheba; your hand sent cabin, which I had illuminated with my match I recognized the man to whom I gave the first the husband of the Queen of Shebs! I lived over in those awful moments my faithlessness, my elopement with one whom I followed through the mazes of sin, to become at last Queen of this wild camp. Gentlemen of Sheba, I am the widow, once the wife, of the man killed near the mines! I swore over his corpse to unearth the murder. I have worked in secret. The arrest of this young girl gave me my first clew. She stole from Maj. Doll rings which I once wore at the altar; she stole them because they were her mother's rings. I ask that man how they came into his possession. Will he answer?"

> Mexican Dick had almost dropped his whip The nervous hands of Maitland were powerless; his face had the hue of the winding sheet. He evidently saw that the tables had been of the guard, who tramped his beat in front of almost won! She the wife of the man found dead in camp? She the mother of Milly, the waif? He gasped when he looked at her, and

> Suddenly the Queen of Sheba sprang to the mouth for mercy. She might have wondered | girl and clasped her in her arms. She tore if the Queen of Sheba, one of her own sex, a down the dress and looked at the tattooed woman like herself, would not interfere with cross, which Mexican Dick had previously exthe sentence if she knew of it; but she must | posed; then she straigtened up and faced the

"You can whip me for this child's crime, The next moment a hat went soaring toward

the stars. Another and still another followed

it, while the Major stood aghast amid it all. "Hooray for Sheba's Queen!" cried some-"Hang the murderer, without judge or jury!" shouted others. The arm of Leona went round the waist of Milly, the waif; she led her from beneath the

plaza, the fragile figure of the young girl

For a moment all was still; the last cheer died away, and the two, thus strangely reunited, entered the home of the Queen of Sheba, there to tell one another the story of their lives. And when the sun came up, and peeped over Dead Man's peaks, lo! it looked down upon something swaying in the wind that rustled the leaves of the Tribunal's tree, and the ends of a long mustache drooped over a chin as white as the snows which in Winter crowned repeated the sweetest name on earththe crest of the old mountain.

It had been Sheba's most eventful night, and from it Leona the Queen was lost in Leona

English Signs in Japan. [New York Tribune.] "The Japanese," says Eli Perkins, "have a mania for putting up Euglish signs, and they flood your rooms at the hotels with English cards. And such English! The Japanese have no imperative mood, and they generally express an idea negatively that we express

positively. One day I said to the waiter: ". Kishi, the rolls are cold." "'Yes, he said; a good deal of not cooling the cakes is good.'

"A conspicuous notice at the Kioto Hotel reads: "'On the dining time nobody shall be enter

to the dining and drawing-room without the guests allow.' "One of the articles in the municipal laws of Kioto reads: "'Any dealer shall be honestly by his trade. Of course the sold one shall prepare to make

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"'Weak man who is not so hard of his stomach take notice of his health ever must use this wine usually."

Running Locomotives by Electricity. Mr. George Westinghouse, jr., tells the Railroad Gazette that with a perfect brake acting ppon all of the wheels of an express train runsing at 90 miles an hour, at the end of 10 seconds the train would still be moving at a little over 60 miles an hour and would have traveled a distance of about 1,130 feet. He adds that with the brake force now fitted to trains the reduction of the speed of trains running above 60 miles an hour would, under favorable condisupplant steam, but the great expense involved will be a serious obstacle to the utilization of electricity for moving standard railroad trains. He estimates that "for the operation of a train by electricity, in place of one steam locomotive there would be required the following principal light of the flaring torches. Clad in the robes | items, costing, according to present prices of electrical apparatus, approximately the figures set opposite:

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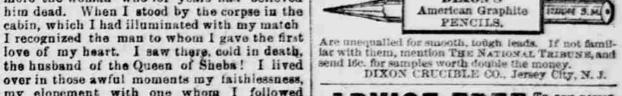
be added the proportionate cost of the buildings and outside electrical construction for the The Remains of the Ossified Man.

It certainly is a pity to be a freak. While a man is alive he can probably take care of himself, but after death someone else has to perform this duty. An example of this kind is furnished by the ossified man, Jonathan R. Bass, Mrs. Mary E. O'Fallon, who recently died. His remains were placed in a burglar-proof vault, which his friends was poisoned while as- had built at Glenwood Cemetery. This precaution was taken to prevent the body being stolen by enterprising museum managers or ghouls for doctors to make an autopsy.

A Brave Man. Patrick Mitchell, of Denver, Colo., saved the lives of 40 lodgers of the Buena Vista Hotel in that city. When he discovered the fire he ran frem room to room and aroused the inmates. SARSAPARILLA and at once improved; They had to jump from windows, as the stairways were impassable. In 20 minutes after the fire was discovered the structure was in ruins. Mitchell broke both arms and both legs in leaping from a veranda when his work had







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